## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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METHOD OF SELECTING SIGNALS COMPATIBLE WITH THE ISO 7816 STANDARD

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 2, before line 15, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 4, before line 21, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

Page 5, before line 1, insert the following heading:

-- DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4, line 3, delete "is characterized in that it";

change "claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.